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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE CHARGE ON TIMOR: GOP-GOI RELATIONS

REF: A. JAKARTA 2484 B. STATE 042852 (NOTAL)

C. JAKARTA 0930 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS FEB 27 PORTUGUESE CHARGE SOUZA GIRAO DESCRIBED AS "LURID FABRICATIONS" RECENT ARTICLES IN OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE ANTARA ALLEGING COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR (REF A). SOUZA GIRAO STATED THAT, JUST THE PREVIOUS DAY, HE HAD SPOKEN WITH PORTUGUESE RETURNING FROM TIMOR WHO STATED SITUATION CALM AS USUAL.

2. ACCORDING SOUZA GIRAO, TIMORESE GOVERNOR LEMOS PIRES HAS NOT YET GONE TO LISBON AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, SINCE GOP, IN CONFUSED PERIOD OF PLANNING FOR ELECTIONS, HAS NOT AUTHORIZED HIS TRAVEL THERE. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME OF FRETELIN/UDT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE TO HAVE

ACCOMPANIED GOVERNOR HAVE GONE TO LISBON CARRYING PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE OF TIMOR(HIS DESCRIPTION TALLIED WITH INFORMATION CONTAINEDREF B). SOUZA GIRAO SAID THAT ANTARA DESCRIPTION OF LEMOS PIRES AS COMMUNIST-INCLINED IS RIDICULOUS, SINCE IT COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY HE CRITICIZED AS "TOO MIDDLE OF ROAD" BY MORE LEFTIST JUNIOR OFFICERS UNDER HIM. IN VIEW ATTACKS ON LEMOS PIRES BY OFFICIAL ANTARA, SOUZA GIRAO DOUBTS LEMOS PIRES WOULD NOW COME TO JAKARTA EVEN SHOULD HIS TRIP TO LISBON MATERIALIZE. (ACCORDING PRESS FEBRUARY 28, SOUZA GIRAO STATED VISIT "POSTPONED INDEFINITELY".)

3. SOUZA GIRAO STATED THAT WHILE INDONESIA HAS FINALLY OPENED AN EMBASSYIN LISBON, AND HAS SENT HASSAN (FORMERLY OF THE ASEAN

DIRECTORATE) AS CHARGE, THE GOI HAS NOT ASKED FOR AGREEMENT FOR BEN MANG RENG SAY, AS EARLIER EXPECTED (REF C), OR ANYONE ELSE NEWSOM

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